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Derek Wanstall, chairman of Sholden Parish council, believes that flooded underground tunnels left by coal-mining at Betteshanger means building homes on this land could leave them at risk of subsidence

EXCLUSIVE

BY NICK AMES

CAMPAIGNERS fighting against a proposed housing development in the village of Sholden say the land earmarked for homes is prone to subsidence as it lies above flooded mine-workings.

They say that tunnels from Betteshanger Colliery criss-cross the area and have caused the ground to slip away.

The abandoned mine once had underground coalface seams stretching out under the sea, but the exact location of the workings is difficult to ascertain.

Villagers say that they could pose a significant threat to the planned development, as most will now be flooded.

Derek Wanstall, chairman of Sholden Parish Council, said: "There are plans for 250 homes on one site and about 205 on another. The infrastructure of the village cannot take it and now we have this problem."

"The land where the 250 homes could be built has a dip in the centre. I have been talking to someone who has known this land for 30 years. He says that the dip has appeared over that time and is most likely the result of tunnels collapsing."

"This would be a major problem for foundations of any new buildings."

Sholden and nearby Deal also have a big problem with flooding.

"The area to be built on is part of a floodplain

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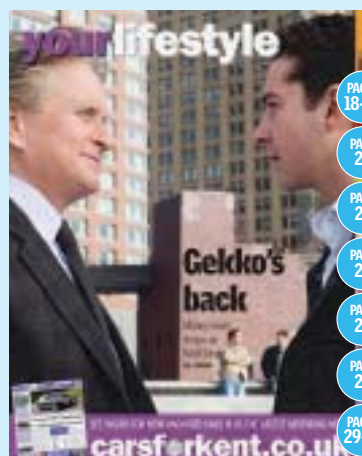
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NOW OPEN: Co-owners Jenni Sutton, left, and Sylvia Lawrence, right, with daughter Vicki Lawrence outside the new Country Brides of Faversham store in Castle Street, Dover

Wedding belles spoilt for choice with new shop

DOVER has a new bridal-wear shop.

Country Brides Of Faversham was opened officially by the Mayor of Dover and the Mayor of Faversham to brides-to-be at its new location in Castle Street, Dover, during a ceremony on Thursday last week.

The company's second store – the first is in Faversham – came into being at the beginning of September.

It has been refitted and stocks wedding dresses by designers Ronald Joyce and Romantica of Devon, with prices starting at £149.

Cruise, evening and prom dresses are also available from £39 and the shop stocks dresses in sizes ranging from 2 to 36.

Co-owner Jenni Sutton said: "I'm a Dover girl and there's nothing like this in the town, so I wanted to offer something new.

"We have dresses, tiaras, shoes, vales, necklaces and everything you could need.

"If we're able to help someone get their dream dress, we will. I was delighted by the number of people who turned up. I feel very lucky and supported."

Co-owner Sylvia Lawrence said:

■ BY MATHEW BEECH

"It's taken only five weeks since we decided to open the shop to being here now. We only signed the lease two weeks ago.

"There was no bridal shop in Dover, plus we had outgrown our Faversham shop, but now we have both."

Mayor of Dover Susan Jones and Mayor of Faversham Anita Walker cut the ribbon to open the store.

Ms Jones said: "There is definitely a niche in Dover for the shop.

"The nearest similar shop I can think of is in Canterbury and is more expensive.

"It's a lovely premises and not overdone – they've made the dresses the centrepiece."

Ms Walker said: "Sylvia asked if I wanted to do a joint opening and I was delighted to do so.

"They have worked very hard to get it ready and it is 10 times bigger than the other shop.

"It's absolutely ideal for this business. It will be a pleasure for any bride or bridesmaid to come here."

For more information about the shop when the big day comes, phone 01304 212745 or visit www.countrybrides.uk.com.

Teenage girls run from flasher at Crabble hill layby

A FLASHER has exposed himself to two teenage girls who were walking up Crabble Hill.

The man got out of a small white van and exposed himself on Tuesday, September 7, at about 3.15pm.

The incident happened in a parking layby at the Crabble Hill junction of Manger's Lane.

The girls managed to run and raise the alarm and were unharmed. The man is described as white but "heavily tanned".

Police have released these two e-fits of a man they would like to trace.

Anyone who recognises the man or has any information can phone Det Con Sarah Bedford on 01233 896272.



ANY IDEA? Two e-fit images of the flasher



Ferry nice break offer

SEAFRANCE is offering a limited number of autumn short-breaks at a reduced price.

The cross-Channel ferry-operator has launched a run of 2,000 tickets allowing a car or motorhome and up to five passengers to travel on the Dover-Calais route for as little as £20.

The offer is only available for those who book and travel before the end of the month. The fare is available on 2,000 crossings across all sailing times.

The October short-break rate is available on return crossings of up to five days and is valid from now when booking at least one day in advance.

• Visit www.seafrance.com for more information.

Such a grand gesture

THE Freemasons' grand charity has donated part of a national £250,000 gift to an east Kent cause.

The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen And Families Association has received a cheque for £5,000. The charity supports service and ex-service personnel and their families.

Money from Freemasons was awarded to 16 Kent-based charities at the Guildhall, Canterbury, on Saturday.

Hall to host 'You Decide' ballot

COMMUNITY projects will be nominated for council approval at a neighbourhood meeting this week.

The Dover Town Neighbourhood Forum will be hosting the You Decide event at the port's St Mary's parish hall on Friday.

This year, district neighbourhood forums are piloting participatory budgeting, whereby residents can allocate the small community capital projects grant of £16,500 by voting for their favoured schemes.

The meeting, which will run from 6pm, will provide residents with the

opportunity to vote for projects they would like to see recommended to Dover District Council and Kent County Council for approval.

It will also provide the chance for people to discuss neighbourhood news, network and meet councillors.

Invited groups will have to give a three-minute presentation on their project and residents will be able to vote electronically.

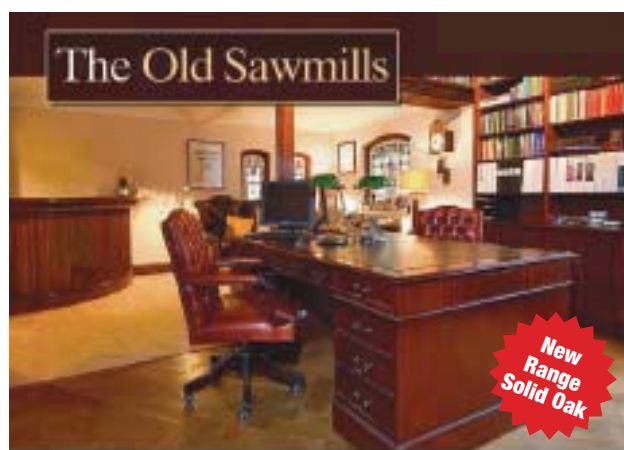
The top-scoring schemes will be recommended for funding, subject to approval by the district council and KCC.

Doors open at 5.30pm with light refreshments and an opportunity to meet your local county, district and town councillors and other forum members.

KCC is holding a further event from 8pm at the hall for groups applying for Local Schemes Grant funds.

These applications will also be recommended through participatory budgeting.

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New blow to chances of recovering Iceland debt

EXCLUSIVE

BY NICK AMES

TAXPAYERS could be out of pocket after revelations that just one third of the million pounds invested in a failed Icelandic bank by Dover District Council could be returned.

And what comes back could be in Icelandic kronor – a currency still struggling on the world markets, despite a recent rally.

British councils which are creditors of the financial houses were previously allotted a 'preferred' status which would have ensured they received 90 per cent of the lost council taxpayers' money.

However, other bodies owed money are now contesting this ruling.

Of the four Icelandic banks that went to the wall, two are registered in the UK – which means British investors are guaranteed top-rate returns.

But Dover District Council invested in the Landsbanki corporation, which is wholly registered in Iceland and regulated under that country's insolvency laws, which are open to foreign challenge.

Labour group leader Gordon Cowan said: "The Local Government Association told the council that other creditors of the Landsbanki were challenging the decision to treat British and Dutch councils as preferred creditors.

"If the other creditors win their case, Dover will be lucky to get 30 per cent back, and repayments are likely to be in Icelandic kronor."



DEFENCE: Council leader Paul Watkins, left, says Icelandic bank repayments are 'fluid'; right, Labour's Gordon Cowan



A spokesman for the Local Government Association, which is fighting on behalf of all UK councils that lost money, said: "We are still fighting to get back as much of the money owed to the UK as possible."

Mike Eddy, Labour finance spokesman on the council, said: "Conservative MEP Daniel Hannan was praising the Icelandic economy to the skies even as the island's banks collapsed.

"No doubt the Conservatives will tell us to think ourselves lucky that the Icelandic kronor

is 10 per cent stronger now than it was six months ago, but I suspect the council taxpayers of Dover district won't be too impressed with that."

However, council leader Paul Watkins said his political opponents were scaremongering.

"The repayments on the Icelandic bank debacle are fluid," he said.

"The report indicates changes, but there have been changes taking place over a period of time.

"Nothing is certain on this issue."



Flooding risks to plan for housing

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and I understand that many of the homes nearby are classified as at risk when it comes to obtaining insurance.

"There is a pump just outside the village working 24-7 to keep the land dry."

Developer Hillreed Homes said it had been promoting the Sholden site for a number of years and had consulted local people.

The company added that residents would be able to make further representations when the application was submitted and that the land had been identified by Dover District Council as one of the best sites in Deal for new housing.

An Environmental Impact Assessment will be carried out by the company, which it says will demonstrate that infrastructure is already in place or will be created by the developer.

Proposals include a subsidised shuttle bus linking the area with the town centre and other incentives for householders to limit car usage.

A Dover District Council spokesman said: "The core strategy of the Local Development Framework identifies broad areas for urban expansion in Deal. This includes land at Sholden and Middle Deal. However, no planning application has been submitted at this time."

A meeting on the subject will be held at St Leonard's Social Centre in Upper Deal at 7.15pm on Friday, October 22.

Local MP Charlie Elphicke will attend.

Logo to spread trust message

THE Martha Trust, an east Kent charity caring for people with profound physical and multiple learning disabilities at homes in Kent and Sussex, has developed a new brand to better reflect its work.

Demand for the services of Martha have been growing, and in response to these challenges, and to communicate the charity's work and aims, Martha has developed a new logo and has a new website under construction.

The logo is a circle of flowers representing the diversity of the people who live and work at Martha.

The wording seeks to capture what the charity does, which is to transform the lives of people with profound physical disabilities.

Hospice boost

THE Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club at Deal raised almost £30,000 for Pilgrims Hospices with a special golf tournament.

More than 80 golfers competed in the event, organised by Pilgrims Hospices trustee John Pepper.

Mr Pepper said: "This event happens every two years and I am always impressed and humbled with the support we receive.

"Wealth-management business Argentis were this year's main sponsor and I thank them for their unfaltering support of Pilgrims."



ONE VOICE: Councillors, campaigners and business people joined to press for high-speed trains

Campaigners unite in call for high-speed rail service

CAMPAIGNERS are upping their bid to get the high-speed train to stop at Deal and Sandwich stations.

Deal mayor Ben Bano hosted a breakfast meeting in the Mayor's Parlour in Deal Town Hall with pressure group Trains4Deal.

There were representatives from the business community in Deal as well as local councillors and a member of rail group Passenger Focus.

The meeting agreed to focus on the many economic benefits for Deal and Sandwich from the high-speed train service and agreed to press for a trial service for both towns.

Councillor Julie Rook has agreed to be the spokeswoman for the group at the Kent Rail Summit.

Cllr Bano said: "I was pleased that we have agreed to focus our efforts in a clear way and that our campaign covers Sandwich as well as Deal.

"There are many economic benefits for our area in putting us on the high-speed train network, and it could be done with so little trouble as trains already pass through empty on their way to the depot.

"With the Open golf competition less than a year away, this is the perfect time for a trial service."

Trains4Deal member Ian Killberry said: "With two communities working together, Sandwich and Deal can present a compelling case for a high-speed rail service that would bring tourism."

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ANNIVERSARY: Funding will help Dover commemorate the 90th year since the Unknown Warrior came home

Lottery funding to help ceremony for Unknown Warrior

THE Dover War Memorial Project has been awarded Heritage Lottery funding to help with commemorations of the Unknown Warrior.

November marks the 90th anniversary of the return of the Unknown Warrior, who was brought home to Dover before travelling to his final resting place in Westminster Abbey.

To mark this poignant anniversary, children from 3rd (St Martin's) Dover Scouts and St Martin's primary school in the town have been selected among those discovering the symbolism and meaning of the Unknown Warrior.

Pupils will get the opportunity to visit Westminster Abbey during Remembrance Week, while before the visits the children will learn about the First World War through various classroom activities.

The first event will see a professional artist working with 3rd (St Martin's) Dover Scouts and 8th Dover Brownies to create a stained-glass window design.

This will form part of an exhibition to be shown at Westminster Abbey during Remembrance Week in November and will then come to Dover before touring other venues.

As part of their work on the First World War, children will research other casualties

■ BY MATHEW BEECH

named on local war memorials, using expertise and information gleaned from research by the DWMP.

Two of the seven casualties to be researched were former Dover schoolboys.

Lieutenant and Acting Captain Tommy Eaves was a much-loved master at St Martin's and an old pupil of the County School, now the Boys' Grammar. He was also the founder of the 3rd Dover Scout troop.

Lt Eaves died in 1916 while serving with the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment.

This was the same year that Cecil Bromley, a sergeant in the Royal Flying Corps, died. A former solicitor's clerk, he will also be studied by St Martin's primary pupils.

Sgt Bromley, an aviation pioneer, was inspired by early experiments in Dover and Louis Blériot's and Charles Stewart Rolls's first cross-Channel flights.

A specially-written musical, performed by the pupils of St Martin's primary school, will round off the Unknown Warrior commemorations in Dover, the first town in the country to welcome him home.

For more information, you can visit www.doverwarmemorialproject.org.uk.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Register for chance to vote

PEOPLE are being reminded to check they are registered to vote.

The annual canvass for the Register of Electors is taking place and every residential property in the district should now have received a form to update the register – this should be checked by residents.

It is particularly important that people respond promptly to ensure their vote at any forthcoming elections, including the 2011 district and parish council elections and proposed referendum.

All British, Irish, European Union or qualifying Commonwealth citizens aged over 16 at each address are required to supply their details so they can be included on the register.

There are two versions of the electoral register, the full version and the edited one.

When responding, individuals can choose to 'opt out' of the edited version, which anyone can buy.

For more information, phone the Electoral Services Helpline on 01304 872344.

German fisherman rescued

DOVER lifeboat was called out to the aid of a German fisherman on Sunday.

The man was aboard a large German fishing trawler when he began suffering chest pains.

The master of the vessel contacted Dover coastguards, who ordered the launch of the lifeboat.

Two crew members boarded the fishing boat to provide first aid to the sick man and assess his condition.

He was transferred to the lifeboat and brought back to shore, where he was handed over to paramedics who continued treatment and took him to hospital.

Girl hurt in park assault

A TEENAGE girl was hospitalised after an assault in Deal.

The 14-year-old had to go to hospital to receive treatment for her injuries after being attacked on Friday, September 10.

The assault took place in Victoria Park near the Tides Leisure Centre, Park Avenue, between 7.45pm and 8pm.

She was sitting with a group of friends on a bank near the alleyway which leads to Stockdale Gardens when she was attacked.

A 15-year-old girl has admitted the assault and has accepted a formal police reprimand.

Volunteers chop up to help down

A GROUP of dedicated volunteers is helping to turn Whinless Down back into the wildlife haven it once was.

The 12 volunteers joined group leader Paul Sampson from the White Cliffs Countryside Partnership to help maintain the site.

The meeting, on Wednesday, September 22, was one of a range of similar events that the WCCP runs along the east Kent coast to encourage wildlife.

The aim of the site-maintenance is to clear the scrub vegetation, ensure the paths are clear and improve signs.

Mr Sampson said: "The aim is to work with nature to encourage the re-establishment of the grassland species and wildlife.

"By allowing native plants to grow again, it will encourage insects, which are food for birds, and it will just help the biodiversity of the area."

All volunteers are given gardening gloves and tools for cutting down the brambles, hawthorns and tree saplings.

A herd of Konik horses will be helping the volunteers in their efforts



A CUT ABOVE: Young volunteer Jake gets to work

These horses are allowed to graze the downs, preventing the scrub vegetation from establishing itself and preventing grassland species thriving.

Mr Sampson said: "The cutting back of the plants back to the ground allows the horses to get to the grass.

"They are used to graze the land and limit the scrub that develops. Once we have cut the plants back, they will eat any new growths, plus some of the trimmings we leave behind."

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Drop Redoubt final open day of year

THE historic fortifications on Dover's Western Heights will be opened to the public for one last time this year.

The Western Heights Preservation Society has organised a mini open-weekend, following the success of the event in June, when more than 1,800 paying visitors explored the tunnels and casemates.

The weekend of Saturday and Sunday, October 23-24, presents the last opportunity to view the Drop Redoubt and Grand Shaft and meet re-enactors.

The Western Heights are also a designated Local Nature Reserve, providing a haven for a range of flora and fauna.

Entry to the Drop Redoubt will cost £2.50 for adults, while accompanied children will be allowed in free. Access to the Grand Shaft will also be free.

For more information, you can visit www.doverwesternheights.org or phone 01304 205108.

In the doo-doo again

A DOG-owner who has repeatedly allowed his pet to foul has been fined for the second time.

Matthew Woods, of Orchard Road, Eastry, was found guilty in his absence at Margate court on Thursday, September 30.

He was accused of failing to clear up after his pet in Eastry Gun Park.

Woods has previously been fined for leaving his dog's mess on the floor in 2009, when he was fined £50 and ordered to pay a £15 surcharge and £150 costs. For his latest offence, Woods was ordered to pay a £100 fine, a £15 surcharge and £150 costs.

Gurkhas' Afghan success admired by US top brass

■ BY NICK AMES

ONE of the United States' most senior soldiers has met Gurkhas in Afghanistan to observe how they work with the local population.

US General David Petraeus, commander of all international troops serving in the troubled country, visited the 1st Battalion the Royal Gurkha Rifles in southern Helmand province.

The Folkestone-based Nepalese troops have a special affinity with Afghans because of cultural similarities and language.

To see the benefits this brings, Gen Petraeus received briefings to learn of successes that the Gurkhas have had in protecting the people of the Nahr-e Saraj area.

Gen Petraeus, along with Commander Task Force Helmand, Brigadier Richard Felton, discussed the approach developed by the battle group which has focused on understanding the population and the insurgents' role in it.

Lieutenant Colonel Gerald Strickland, commanding officer of the Gurkhas, said: "We have had the opportunity to talk to our commander and explain the approach we have been taking to defeat the insurgency in our corner of Helmand."

"It was good to get the sense that we are delivering exactly what it is that General Petraeus is after in terms of fixing the problems here in Afghanistan."



ALL AT EASE: General David Petraeus, right, is welcomed by Commander Task Force Helmand Brigadier Richard Felton

Following a briefing and discussion with the planning staff of the Gurkha battle group, Gen Petraeus met Sergeant Diprasad Pun of A Company.

The Gurkha was congratulated for his bravery during an insurgent attack on his company checkpoint.

The general then met soldiers of C Company who have led the way in forming a protected community within their designated patrol area.

The village has seen a vast improvement in security since the partnered forces of the Gurkhas – with their Afghan national army and police counterparts – have set up numerous checkpoints.

A council of locals has also been formed, with village elders meeting regularly.

The Gurkhas are due to hand over to 2nd Battalion the Parachute Regiment before they return to their Folkestone base next month.

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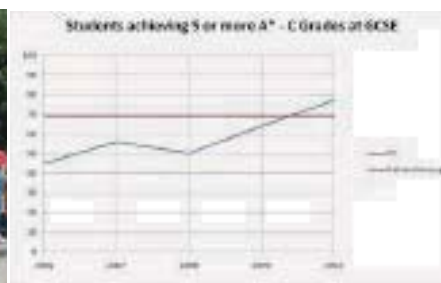
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QUESTION & ANSWER

AIMEE LANGLEY



Q Tell us something about yourself

A I'm 25 years old and have always lived and worked in Kent. Since an early age I have worked within the hotel and catering industry.

Q How did you first become involved with The Grand?

A From 2002 I was part of a development programme at Buckland Hospital. However, when they started to reduce their services in 2006 and after four years with them, I felt ready for a change and took the opportunity to move into the hotel industry.

Q Why did you choose to specialise in weddings and events and progress your career throughout hotels?

A I began my career at The Grand as a housekeeper and 18 months after joining I was progressed up to head housekeeper and then, by natural progression, to head receptionist for the property.

After four years working in the rooms departments of The Grand I felt that a further challenge was needed and applied for the position of weddings and events co-ordinator at when it became available.

Although I was nervous about taking over such a high-pressure and high-profile position, I felt confident I would be able to succeed in this role.

I have been fortunate to work with a good team within the property and, with the help

and guidance of our sales manager Nita Fuller and indeed with the support and development offered to me by general manager Robert Richardson, I am fully enjoying my new role.

Q You've been at The Grand for a few years now and no doubt seen a great many changes. For you, what keeps it fresh and exciting and brings you back to work?

A The Grand by definition is an ever-evolving business and over the course of 2010 I have seen it become a better product and greater competitor within the local area.

What makes it exciting for me is that we have become a more recognisable day-to-day business within the local community that people are aware of and are using more.

It's great to come into work and see a full restaurant, buzzing bar and high occupancy for our rooms.

This year The Grand has a new manager and a new management team, and this creates a new dynamic within the business. That in essence creates a new business, so for me it really feels like I have joined a new property but the address is the same!

Q How many events take place at The Grand?

A We specialise in so many areas – weddings, funerals, art exhibitions... the list goes on. You will find at The Grand that there is always something for everyone, no matter where you come from or how old you are.

Q What do you think of the state of the hotel and leisure industry at the moment?

A As I said, we have a new manager who has been at The Grand just under a year and has worked for various multinational hotel groups. He has been keen to expose the department heads at The Grand to this culture and for us to learn more about the industry as a whole, so my experience here is just beginning.

However, that being the case, I am aware that the market, especially locally, is tough, but with hard work, attention to detail and a good product we will keep pushing forward, because that's what you have to do.

Q How vital do you believe tourism is to the future of Shepway?

A Essential. With high unemployment in the area, the tourism industry is helping to boost the local economy and get more people into work.

Q What advice would you give to those leaving school and looking for work?

A Persevere. Find a job in an industry you enjoy. Just because you are not going to university does not mean you can't achieve something. With the support and development of a good employer, you can one day work at an entry-level position and the next walk a bride-to-be down the stairs on the first day of the rest of her life.

Q & A

The wedding and events coordinator at The Grand hotel in Folkestone speaks to **James Alexandre** about how she came into the business, the new management team and her thoughts on the future

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DRIVERS in and around Lydd are being warned of extra traffic due to resurfacing work on the A259 near Rye.

The Highways Agency says sections of the road between Guldeford Crossing and Kent Ditch will be closed off over the next two weeks on both carriageways and carried out through the night.

Diversions are to be put in place for those going east via Camber Road southbound through Camber on Lydd Road, continuing east to Jury's Gap Road into Lydd to join Tournay Road and then Robin Hood Lane, then north straight over the roundabout on to Harden Road.

Disruption

They will then be directed to the B2075 Romney Road northbound to join the A259 Lydd Road at Hammonds Corner.

At the Brenzett roundabout, drivers will be directed to take the first left on to the A259 Straight Lane to Brooklands roundabout, where the diversion route ends.

Those travelling west on the A259 past the works site will be directed to use the diversion route described above but in the opposite direction.

Highways Agency East Sussex route performance manager Martin Wright said: "Journeys along this stretch of road will be improved by this resurfacing work. The work will be carried out overnight between 8pm-6am to cause as little disruption as possible.

"On certain days there will also be a need for two-way temporary traffic lights to be in operation during the day-time as the surfacing materials settle."

The resurfacing work was due to start on Monday.

Birds need our protection

■ BY NICK AMES

BIRD species across Britain are facing an uncertain future, say conservationists.

The RSPB has published its Safeguarding Species report, which identifies the top 100 species in the UK that are most in need of help.

Forty of these have been prioritised for immediate action by the RSPB, but the society is asking for help from the Government, industry, other charities and the public to provide a future for these birds.

In Kent, bittern, lapwing and turtle dove are key species that the RSPB has identified as a priority. Populations are in recovery, but they need continued help for this recovery to be maintained.

The charity says there are several reasons the UK's birds are struggling.

These include changes in farming practice, a lack of woodland management, drainage of wetlands, habitat destruction, climate change, development and a reduction in the number of insects in urban areas.

Steve Gilbert, conservation manager, said: "For 120 years the RSPB has been spearheading the protection of the UK's birds. We have done this by working with Government, organisations and individuals. In hard times, we need to prioritise by working with those birds that most need the nation's help.

"We're calling on [everyone] to save these priority species for future generations to enjoy."

Despite a few notable successes in improving the fortunes of UK birds, the need for species conservation is increasing as more are added to the list of those that need urgent attention.

In response, Europe's largest wildlife conser-

MORE THAN A WING AND A PRAYER: The lapwing is one of many birds needing our help



Picture: ANDY GON

vation charity has developed a new strategic approach, identifying priority bird species in need of urgent conservation efforts over the next five to eight years.

Of the 40 priority birds highlighted in the report, about half are regular breeders in the South East.

Bitterns successfully bred at the RSPB's Dungeness reserve for the first time this year after a project to restore their reedbed habitat.

Other species identified as priorities by the RSPB include kestrel, cuckoo and swift, which need more research into their declines. The house sparrow, lapwing, turtle dove, bittern, red kite, skylark and curlew need continued assistance for their recovery to be maintained.

The document identifies how each species can

be helped. Some will benefit from nature reserves and their management, others from wildlife-friendly farming schemes.

For many species, site-protection measures are vital to protect their habitat, while others still suffer illegal persecution.

Eighteen of the 40 species are already on the road to recovery, but the report highlights these recoveries could be undermined without continued help.

Mr Gilbert said: "The UK recovery of birds like the skylark, bittern and red kite have been based on a three-way partnership of Government funding, conservation expertise and landowner involvement; cuts in Government funding threaten to hack a leg from the stool, possibly plunging these species into crisis once more."

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KoS chief hits the Inca trail for kids' charities

■ BY MARIJKE COX

BEING dropped into the middle of the Amazon jungle, home to some of the most dangerous species of wildlife in the world, would be most people's idea of a nightmare.

And as for trekking thousands of metres above sea level with risk of altitude sickness and exhaustion – most would get straight back on a plane to the UK.

But for Paul Stannard, managing director of Archant KOS Media, the publisher of this newspaper, it is all part of his Peruvian adventure which will see him and seven others trekking the famous Inca Trail to Machu Picchu, the Lost City of the Incas, to raise money for two of Kent's charities.

Mr Stannard, 46, has funded the trip himself, so every penny raised will go to Dave Lee's Happy Holidays, a charity sending sick and deprived children on holiday, and Demelza House, a children's hospice in Sittingbourne providing end-of-life care.

Speaking ahead of his trip, Mr Stannard said 10 days of hardship was nothing compared with what these youngsters had to cope with. "Whatever challenges I face can't be compared to what those poor kids are going

through. I wanted to do something big to get a lot of support for these charities," he said.

"We've raised money for Kent children through the KOS Media Christmas appeal, but this year I wanted to do something bigger. I've seen what Dave Lee and Demelza do. I feel it's the least I can do to give something back."

The trip will see Mr Stannard swapping his suit and tie for a pair of khaki shorts to tackle the Inca Trail before being dropped to the middle of the Amazon rainforest, where he will stay for four days.

He said: "We acclimatise for a day and then we join a group and climb the Inca Trail and see Machu Picchu."

While two of his group will then fly home, Mr Stannard and the braver members will stay on to be airlifted into the middle of the jungle. "We'll spend four days living with the local wildlife, like anaconda and tarantulas, and travel by foot and in wooden canoes. There are piranhas and electric eels in the Amazon. We're doing this the real way."

But Mr Stannard said he was looking forward to the challenge.

"I've been doing a lot of walking and cycling to prepare, although you can't do anything to prepare for altitude sickness."

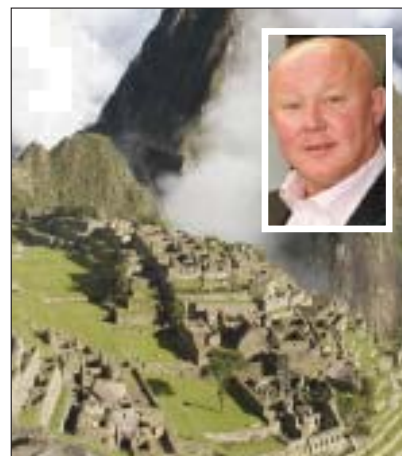
Mr Stannard is aiming to raise £10,000.

To make a donation to Dave Lee's Happy Holidays, go to www.justgiving.com/PaulStannard, while for Demelza House you

can go to www.justgiving.com/Paul-Stannard0.

People wishing to send in donations can make cheques payable to Dave Lee's Happy Holidays or Demelza House Children's Hospice and send them to Kerry Head at KOS Media Ltd, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford TN25 6SS.

On his return, Mr Stannard will write a blog about his travels, with pictures and film-clips available at www.kentnews.co.uk.



INTREPID EXPLORER: Paul Stannard, inset, will trek to Machu Picchu to raise funds for children's charities

Bee world's buzzing again

IT'S back! The bumblebee is on the rise in the county.

And the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds says it is all down to the new Environmental Stewardship scheme that is working in Kent.



INCREASE: The shrill carder bee is one of the five species on the up

By encouraging the sowing of pollen and nectar plots, the numbers of bees in the coastal area around Romney Marsh are buzzing once more.

In all, five of Britain's seven scarcest species are making a comeback on the Dungeness coast thanks to the combined efforts of farmers, landowners and conservationists.

Those five include one of the country's rarest bees, the shrill carder bee.

Populations are doing so well that the shrill carder has been seen in areas where it had not been recorded for 25 years, including areas of neighbouring East Sussex.

About 50 farms in the area are part of a project launched in January last year and run by the Bumblebee Conservation Trust, Hymettus, Natural England and the RSPB.

It is helping to restore the habitat of the short-haired bumblebee in advance of its reintroduction from New Zealand, where a team is breeding them before they are brought back to Kent.

It is the second attempt, after the first batch died before transportation.

Corridors of suitable habitat linking farmland and nature reserves have been formed to allow the bees to spread out.

More than 800 hectares of habitat has been created by farmers through the exciting project.

The five species on the up are the large garden bumblebee (*Bombus ruderals*), the shrill carder bee (*Bombus sylvarum*), the red-shanked carder bee (*Bombus ruderals*), the moss carder bee (*Bombus muscorum*) and the brown-banded carder bee (*Bombus humilis*).

Sheps beers getting 'a head' of competition

KENT brewer Shepherd Neame has defied a sluggish economy and gloom in the pub trade by posting a record £115.4 million turnover and best-ever volumes for its beer brands.

The results for its financial year to the end of June also show pre-tax profits up by a quarter to £8.7m.

The profits surge was delivered partly by the benefits from a major re-shuffle of its pub estate the previous year; when many lower volume outlets were sold off in favour of bigger and better located outlets more suited to

the Faversham-based firm's increasingly food-orientated business.

Affectionately known as 'Sheps', the brewer's best performing brands were two of its own packaged and draught ales, Spitfire and Bishop's Finger, and the highly successful Japanese bottled and draught lager, Asahi Super Dry, which it brews under licence.

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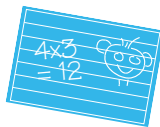
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BREAK TIME



SUCCESS: Performing-arts students celebrate

Students' dedication to drama nets results

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The LAMDA-graded examinations on drama are based on talent, hard work and acting ability and were taken at the drama department of Brockhill Park Performing Arts College in Saltwood.

Pupils from the school, as well from Folkestone's Harvey Grammar and Pent Valley and primaries in Dymchurch, Lympe, Elham and Saltwood, also took part.

Brockhill student Connor Honzic said: "I am really proud I achieved a Distinction for my grade – it has been a great experience working in front of audiences and I'm really looking forward to performing at Quarterhouse soon."

In addition to receiving a nationally-recognised qualification, pupils who took grade 6, 7 or 8 are now able to claim additional UCAS points for university places.

Brockhill Park offers a range of extra-curricular opportunities in drama, including reACT Youth Theatre Company, which meets every Tuesday evening during term-time.

For more information, phone Sarah Boyle on 01303 265 521 or email sboyle@brockhill.kent.sch.uk.

Rapper aiming to spread the word on library tour

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

AWARD-winning hip-hop artist Akala visited the Marsh Academy as part of his nationwide libraries tour to inspire the next generation to read and write.

The MOBO star gave a 30-minute performance before answering questions about his lyrics and how George Orwell's classic novel *Nineteen Eighty-Four* influenced his latest album, *DoubleThink*.

Akala, who is the brother of chart-topping singer Ms Dynamite, told the students: "What gave hip-hop credibility was lyricism and a different point of view."

"It's interesting how that climate has changed over the last 10-15 years. It's become more corporate, with companies using music to sell."

Asked what message he would like students to take away from the session, Akala's answer was simple: "Knowledge is power."

More than 100 students from the Marsh Academy, along with 40 visiting students from the Folkestone School for Girls, were chosen to see the performance on Thursday, September 23, as a reward for high achievement in English.

Those achievements were put to the test when they competed for free tickets to a forthcoming Akala gig by spotting the 27 Shakespeare play titles in the song *Comedy Tragedy History*, with three walking away with the prizes after each spotting 14 titles.

Akala said: "I'm really excited about this library tour and hope that it will open young



RHYME AND REASON: Rapper Akala gave a half-hour performance and answered questions at the Marsh Academy

people's eyes and help them to see libraries as thriving hubs of creativity, rather than stuffy, solitary places.

"My passion for reading pervades my own creative work and new album, so I also hope that these performances will challenge preconceptions and encourage young people to develop a passion for reading and words."

Assistant principal Richard Robinson, who arranged the visit, said: "The visit by Akala to

the Marsh Academy represented an extremely significant and important opportunity for many of our students to engage with the power of the written and the spoken word in a contemporary and relevant idiom.

"Akala was at pains to stress the importance of reading since the more you read the better writer you will become, and he was totally passionate about communicating this through his music and his words."

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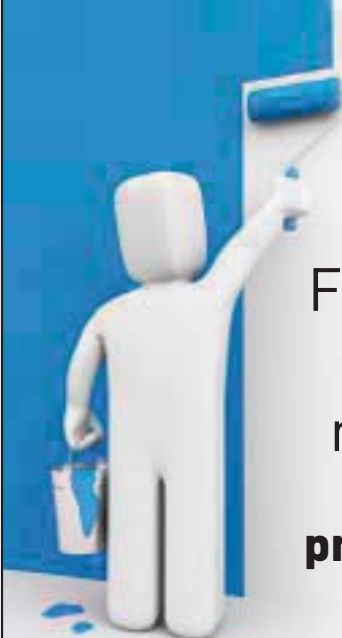
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YOUR LETTERS



WRONG: Killing wildlife is not the TB solution

Culling our badgers is not the answer

Kent Green Party opposes the badger cull. We do not believe it is ethical or practical to carry out a sustained 'removal' of an indigenous species over a minimum of 100 sq km.

We believe that addressing cattle-to-cattle transmission and the development of a vaccine is the key.

Bovine TB is spread because of intensive farming. The constant use of drugs leads to drug-resistant conditions.

Animals, unlike humans, breed to a sustainable level. It is very likely a cull this year would lead to a population explosion next year.

The best option is organic farming, where the animals are naturally healthy and happy, which would boost their immune systems so they are naturally resistant to bTB.

An overall reduction in meat consumption would help. Interfering with nature has caused this problem, and further interference will make things worse.

The initial, very expensive (£50 million) and comprehensive, field trial by the Independent Scientific Group on Badger TB chaired by Professor John Bourne found that neither the proactive or reactive culling of badgers could be recommended as a means of controlling bTB in cattle.

Culling causes badgers to move, spreading infection and undermining reductions in TB in cattle achieved in the area where culling has taken place.

The answer lies with better diets and welfare policies for cattle to improve their immune systems, not culling badgers.

Steve Campkin
Kent Green Party

Back planet-friendly farming campaign

Stoke-on-Trent MP Robert Ffello is spearheading the drive for planet-friendly farming by taking forward a new Bill in the House of Commons to limit the climate and wildlife damage caused by factory farming.

The Ffello Bill aims to reduce British meat and dairy factory farms' dependence on animal feed grown in South America, which is destroying rainforests and wildlife and accelerating climate change.

UK farmers need help to thrive by protecting them from yo-yoing animal-feed costs and ensuring they are not squeezed by big-

your blogger

Ian MacMillan ponders the meaning and value of the Commonwealth Games



AS SOMEONE interested in sport in general, and athletics in particular, I have been watching the Commonwealth Games.

But what exactly is the Commonwealth? And what are games in the context of these extravaganzas?

It surprised me to learn that Maria Mutola of Mozambique, who dominated the women's 800 metres for more than a decade, also has Commonwealth golds in her collection. Bearing in mind that Mozambique was a Portuguese colony before independence, this seemed strange.

But, apparently, the Commonwealth is no longer a PC name for the old British Empire. It seems to be a collection of independent states that can choose to join or not. A meaningless concept, in other words.

As for the actual 'extravaganza', I'm sure the Delhi opening ceremony was superb, but I didn't watch it because, as far as I'm concerned, it has nothing to do with sport. Every global event that isn't the main focus of the world's best has no legitimacy, in either the Olympics or the Commonwealth Games.

I remember the first World Athletics Championships in the early 1980s and was pleased to see Essex's Colin Reitz get a bronze, with American Henry Marsh falling at the last hurdle.

I rashly thought winning an event in the World Championships would supersede winning Olympic gold. It seems to me Olympic and Commonwealth

events only have legitimacy if the participants regard it as their primary goal.

We have tennis in the Delhi games, yet a win in one of the Grand Slams must be the players' first priority. Likewise, in cycling, the Tour de France is the main event.

We have lawn bowls in these games and golf might be included in the 2012 Olympics. What is a 'game' and what is a 'sport' is up for discussion, but when Tom Watson, aged 60, can almost win a major event, I don't think golf has any business in the Olympics.

When Paula Radcliffe won the World Championships marathon, I thought winning a major title would be a monkey off her back, though she had won a 5,000m gold in the Commonwealths at Manchester and a European 10,000m gold as well.

I remember talking to a girl invited to run in the Commonwealth marathon in Kuala Lumpur. She said "Thanks, but no thanks".

Why Radcliffe is bothered about winning Olympic gold is beyond me. There's more money and fast times up for grabs in the many city marathons.

Nevertheless, I'm enjoying watching fourth-string Kenyans and second-string Brits contest the running events in Delhi. As for lawn bowls, shooting and martial arts – thanks, but no thanks.

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business farming.

At the moment the Government spends more than £700 million of taxpayers' money each year propping up damaging factory farms, while planet-friendly farmers receive little or no support.

East Kent Friends of the Earth is urging east Kent MPs Charlie Elphicke and Laura Sandys to support the campaign and the Ffello Bill at the second-reading stage in November.

Visit www.jointhemoovement.com for more information.

Stuart Cox
East Kent Friends of the Earth

Join PDSA marathon team and help pets

I have been given a place in the 2011 Virgin London Marathon and this year I want to help make a difference.

I have pledged to raise £1,500 for a very worthy cause – veterinary charity PDSA, where I work as a vet.

PDSA provides free veterinary treatment to the sick and injured pets of people in need.

The charity provides runners with support, and I'll be sharing training advice and exchanging tips with other runners, too.

Marathon-training can sometimes be a lonely business, so it's great to be part of a team of different abilities with one shared goal.

The PDSA cheering squad one

mile from the end really helped spur me on to the finish line in the last marathon.

Plus, after the race, there is somewhere to go and relax, have something to eat and drink, as well as a luxury sports massage to help ease aching muscles.

If you would like to join me and the PDSA team, please contact the fund-raising department on 01952 204791 or email marathon@pdsa.org.uk.

Chris Sherwood
PDSA veterinary surgeon

Start getting fit in the workplace now

Our recent survey shows that 82 per cent of workers in the South East are failing to get the recommended amount of exercise each week.

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This is worrying as statistics show that at the current rate of waistline expansion more than a third of men and more than a quarter of women will be obese in just five years, putting them at increased risk of high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes and heart disease.

That's why we're asking everyone in the South East to start getting fit and healthy during the working

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We want workers in the South East to start thinking about their heart health today.

You can find out more by visiting bhf.org.uk/healthatwork.

Lisa Purcell
British Heart Foundation

Leas Cliff bluesman was no ordinary Joe

I would like to say how successful the concert I attended on Saturday at the Leas Cliff Hall was.

The Joe Bonamassa concert in Folkestone was memorable and showed an artist at the height of his powers performing to a very enthusiastic crowd.

I understand that the show was a sell-out. So my point is this: why can Folkestone not have more artists of this calibre, rather than relying on tribute acts when it comes to rock music?

The crowd was as enthusiastic as any I have seen for a top-name artist and I think even Joe – one of the all-time great guitarists – was a

little surprised at the reception that he got.

Neil McRoberts
Folkestone

• The Leas Cliff Hall and its staff should be congratulated on staging one of the best concerts I have seen in recent years – the appearance by bluesman Joe Bonamassa.

I noticed on the current tour that dates included large cities in both the US and continental Europe – so whoever achieved this coup for Folkestone should be congratulated.

Theresa Day
Hythe

X and shrugs and (real) rock and roll

Why all the fuss about X Factor? I don't care who wins – all I want is for someone to start a campaign, like last year, to stop the winner getting a Christmas number one.

Not Rage Against The Machine again. But how about Silver Machine by Hawkwind? Now that really would sum up the spirit of the age.

Ian Cooper
Folkestone

Bank on prosperity

Last week's blogger wrote about how today's bankers are not as responsible as they used to be.

He misses the point.

The whole nature of the business has changed and investment bankers have nothing at all in common with those who sit behind the counter at a local high-street branch.

People may be angry at the bonuses they are paid, but they the engine room which creates wealth for everyone.

If the City of London was not a success and companies moved elsewhere, they would take much of the wealth-generating potential of the UK with them.

It's no use moaning when people receive rewards for working hard.

It's much better that people who create money and opportunities for others are rewarded rather than yet more cash being frittered away on lazy benefits-spongers.

Mike Bryant
Dover

From delight to dump

I have just visited Folkestone for the first time, simply because I fancied trying out somewhere new and I thought a south-coast resort would be an attractive choice. How wrong can you be!

Folkestone is an absolute dump, full of life's unfortunates and undesirables.

Reading up about the place when I got home, I learnt that the town was once considered a wholly desirable place to live in or visit. How things have changed.

The local authority should be ashamed of itself at the way it has allowed Folkestone to decline.

Nick Johnson
Oldham

Thug ordered to pay up for violent attack in street

A VICIOUS thug who beat up a man in front of his wife has been hit in the pocket by magistrates who made a heavy compensation award against him.

Mazharul Islam, 21, of Coolinge Road, Folkestone, almost blinded Simon Lilley in the attack in Palace Street, Canterbury.

At Canterbury Magistrates Court, Islam admitted assaulting Mr Lilley.

Teresa Ruiz, prosecuting, said Islam drove his father's Mercedes at Mr Lilley.

She said: "He [Mr Lilley] saw a green-and-black Mercedes driving at speed towards him. It swerved and then a man got out.

"Mr Lilley's wife Hayley remonstrated with the man, who said 'You should keep your bitch quiet'.

"When Mr Lilley told him to p*** off, he said he was going to get his bloods.

"The car drove and came back and the man again got out and said 'Are you eyeballing me, bruv? You got a problem?'.

"Mrs Lilley got between them and the car again drove off. The couple walked along Palace Street. A few minutes later, the

Mercedes appeared with two men in it, followed by a car with four men inside.

"The man identified as Islam said 'I said I would get my bloods and we are going to do you.

"He punched Mr Lilley in the face. He struck his head on a wall and was unconscious for a couple of seconds. He had severe bruising to his right eye and bruising to his right shoulder."

Sophie Read, defending, said: "Mr Islam perceived he was under a racial attack by his victim.

"He fled the scene but returned when he realised what he had done and was arrested. He has put shame on his family by this stupid action."

Islam was given a 180-day prison sentence suspended for a year and ordered to pay £1,000 compensation plus £78.50 out-of-pocket expenses to Mr Lilley.

He was also told to do 280 hours' community work and told to pay £160 costs.

Chairman of the Bench Jane Jones said: "You hit Mr Lilley hard and caused serious injuries.

"He nearly lost an eye. There is no doubt this was a premeditated attack."



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Classic on the cello

WORKS by Schumann, Janacek, Piazzolla and Matinus will feature in a cello recital by Matthew Sharp.

The new artistic director of Deal Festival performs at the Astor Community Theatre in Deal at 7.30pm on Tuesday, accompanied by pianist Viv McLean. Tickets cost £10. To book call The Sound House on 01304 381134

Rock 'n' roll with Ricky

GET ready to rock 'n' roll with an evening of 50s and 60s music from Ricky Fontayne.

The singer will be at Littlebourne Social Club in Littlebourne, Canterbury, at 8.30pm on Saturday.

For more information about the venue call 01227 721669. Find out more about Fontayne at www.rickyfontayne.com

Vintage sounds live

BOOGIE on down to the sounds of the 60s and 70s when The Vintage Corporation plays in Folkestone.

The tribute band plays its first theatre show at the Tower Theatre at 7.30pm on Saturday. Tickets cost £8/£7.

To book call 01303 223925 or visit www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk

Tales from the Orient

ENJOY a night of Indian storytelling at the Tom Thumb Theatre in Cliftonville on Friday.

There will be Indian snacks and chai at the performance of Diwali Divas at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £10/£8 including refreshments. Proceeds go to the Kattaikkuttu School in Tamil Nadu, South India. Book on 07890 112574 or email tickets@tomthumbtheatre.co.uk

Music on the calendar

OUR Band Could Be Your Life presents an evening of music to celebrate the 428th anniversary of the Gregorian calendar.

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For details go to www.limboarts.co.uk

Live jazz at theatre

LIVE jazz is on offer from the Colin Welch All-Star Sextet at the Tower Theatre in Folkestone on Thursday.

Don Rendell, Henry Lowther, Neil Francis, Clive Hicks and Teddy Pope will also perform at the theatre at 8.30pm. Admission costs £6. To book seats call 01303 277175.

No song and dance

IF you cannot sing or dance, Kent Youth Theatre's Acts Factor is looking for you.

The talent contest is open to anyone apart from singers and dancers, so if you have any other skill – from comedy to magic – the company wants to know.

The show is at Kent College in Canterbury on Saturday. For details call 01227 730177 or email Richard@kent-ouththeatre.co.uk



Magnets attract at city festival

CANTERBURY FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 16, to Saturday October 30, Various Venues



FROM Fawlty Towers to Falstaff, this year's Canterbury Festival is bursting with entertainment ideas for all the family.

With a busy programme that ranges from children's shows to classical music, from comedy to film, the festival offers lots of colourful, intriguing, challenging and hilarious events.

One of the highlights will be Angel Exit Theatre's adaptation of J Meade Falkner's smuggling tale, Moonfleet. The creepy tale of ghosts, smugglers and an orphan boy's quest to find Blackbeard's hidden diamond can be seen at the Theatre Royal, Margate, next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Anyone with a love of literature will enjoy the authors' talks, which include appearances by Sarah Waters and Marina Lewycka. Andrew O'Hagan, author of Be Near Me and his latest novel, The Life and Opinions of Maf the Dog and of His Friend Marilyn Monroe, will speak at the International Study Centre in Canterbury on Wednesday, October 27.

The role of the hero in fiction is discussed in The Heroes Debate at the centre on Thursday, October 21, chaired by author Nina Bell. This Sunday, Linda Marlowe performs the poems of Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy in a critically-acclaimed piece of theatre. The World's Wife gives voice to the wives of famous men through the ages, telling their stories with passion and dark humour.

The festival also gives artists a chance to shine, with exhibitions and the Open Houses trails across the Canterbury, Faversham, Whitstable and Herne Bay areas. Artists taking part include Colette Baumbach at 31 Ada Road, Canterbury, who is exhibiting her new paintings of Canterbury Cathedral.



HIGHLIGHTS: Author Sarah Waters will speak about her work, and Angel Exit Theatre present Moonfleet (right). Above, harmony singing group The Magnets



The musical highlights include a concert by The Magnets, a harmony singing group which performed to great acclaim at the festival two years ago. After selling out London's Roundhouse earlier this year and performing in support slots with Tom Jones and Michael Ball, the group is setting out on a UK tour and will be singing at the Shirley Hall in Canterbury on Saturday, October 23.

"Our ambition is to play bigger and better places," said Magnets member, Michael Welton. "Selling out the Roundhouse felt like a major achievement for us and to play major gigs feels amazing. We performed at the Elvis Forever event, on the same bill as Elton John and we'd like to do more like that. Last time at

the Canterbury Festival, we played a 300-seater venue. Now we're playing to a 700-seater hall."

The Magnets started out as a group of friends singing together for fun 15 years ago, but the discovery of vocal percussionist Andy Frost gave the group a new direction. Five years in, they turned professional and the current media interest in singing of all forms has helped their profile to soar.

"There are so many ensemble singing-related TV shows around, that people have a greater appreciation of singing," Welton said.

Tickets for The Magnets' concert cost £15. For festival listings and to book, visit www.canterburyfestival.co.uk or call 01227 787787.





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She is offering all beauty treatments half-price until she qualifies at the end of October.

Halcyon Days has also been having a mammoth sale, with 50 per cent off all clearance stock, as it is now focusing on the well-known brand Neal's Yard Organics, and will be using these products in more than 15 treatments on offer, including massage and reflexology.

Some products have to be ordered in as there are too many in the range to stock, but only take a few days to be delivered. Pop in and ask for a free catalogue.

If you are a therapist looking to earn extra money, call and speak to Joanne, who is looking for NYR consultants, or visit www.nyrhomes.com/shop/joanneewoodward

Halcyon Days has recently taken on two



apprentices, who are studying nails and will soon be needing models for acrylics, gel and nail art, so if you are interested, call and leave your name and number and they will contact you when they need you.

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LOVE FROM A STRANGER

Wednesday October 13 to Saturday October 16, Granville Theatre, Ramsgate

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Adapted from Agatha Christie's 1924 short story, *Philomel Cottage*, the play is a thriller with a real twist and not a conventional detective in sight. Broadstairs Dickens Players will be performing the gripping story at the Granville Theatre this week, giving the audience the chance to see a show that will keep them on the edge of their seats.

When Cecily Harrington wins a significant amount of money in a sweepstake, she decides to

rent out her flat and do some travelling. Despite being engaged to a dependable, rather boring man, she is swept off her feet by a charming American who comes to view the flat. Following a whirlwind romance, the pair marry and set up home in an isolated cottage in the country.

But their idyllic life takes a terrifying turn when it appears there might be a murderer in the household.

Performances start at 7.30pm daily with a 2.30pm matinee on Saturday. Tickets cost £9. To book call 01843 591750.



LEVEL 42

Wednesday, October 20, Winter Gardens, Margate

TAKE some lessons in love when Level 42 bring their 30th anniversary tour to Thanet.

The pop-funk band produced some of the most distinctive songs of the 80s and early 90s, storming the charts with hits like *Something About You*, *Running in the Family*, *Leaving Me Now*, *Lessons in Love* and *Hot Water*.

With original vocalist Mark King and keyboard player Mike Lindup still in the line-up, the band is now completed by King's brother Nathan on guitar, Sean Freeman on saxophone and Pete Ray Biggin on drums.

Over the years Level 42 has released 14 studio albums, seven live albums and six compilation albums, along with 18 Top 40 singles. Record sales have reached more than 30 million worldwide and at the height of their fame, they sold out 21 nights at Wembley.

To mark the band's 30th anniversary, a four-disc box set called *Living It Up* has been released, including acoustic versions of some tracks.

Doors open at 7pm and tickets cost £25. Book on 01843 292795/296111 or at www.margatewintergardens.co.uk.

EXTRA SENSORY PASQUALE

Friday, October 15, Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone



ARMED with his extraordinary new powers of perception, comedian Joe Pasquale is setting out to amaze audiences with his latest show.

With his new tour, *ESP – Extra Sensory Pasquale*, the madcap comic hopes to demonstrate his developing psychic powers. He has been working to hone these remarkable new talents, which will no doubt be used to maximum comic effect.

"I've always been quite intrigued by that sort of thing and the way mind readers use it," he said. "But I really just take the mick out of it and people love it. To be honest, it's not something I really believe in. Although when I was in the Scouts, we used to go around collecting jumble and we got a lava lamp and ouija board in one lot. Me and some mates went into a church and contacted a ghost called Colin. It was a bit spooky, but we don't know if it was real or just somebody pushing the board around."

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £21.50. Book online at www.leascliffhall.org.uk or call 0844 847 1776.



PATRICK DUNN

Saturday, October 16, Memorial Theatre, Broadstairs



ENJOY the sound of wonderful classical music played by a gifted pianist at the Sarah Thorne Theatre Club.

As part of the Canterbury Festival, Patrick Dunn returns to the Memorial Theatre for an evening of popular works. The programme will include works by Chopin, Liszt, Schumann and Scriabin.

Dunn is organist and church musician for the parish of St Mark's in Ramsgate, so he will be a familiar face for many people in the area.

He is also a very experienced professional musician, who has worked with such prestigious establishments as the Ecole Normale de Musique de Paris, Scottish Opera and the Royal Scottish Academy of Music.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £8 for adults and £6 for children.

Non-members of the Sarah Thorne Theatre Club must book at least 24 hours in advance. Tickets can be booked by calling the box office on 0845 262 6263 or reserved by emailing info@sarahthorne-theatre-club.co.uk.

ARABIAN NIGHTS

Saturday, October 16, Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury



TAKE a magical journey into the world of *Arabian Nights* when the Theatre of Widdershins returns to Canterbury.

Using a lavish set filled with puppets waiting to spring forth with their wondrous tales, the show brings the exotic atmosphere to life in captivating style. *Arabian Nights – The Lost Tales of Sheherazade* is performed by compelling storyteller Andy Lawrence, with the help of various intriguing characters.

The 1,001 Nights, or *Arabian Nights* as they are also known, is a collection of stories told by Sheherazade to the Persian King over many evenings. The story goes that the King, enraged by his wife's infidelity, vows to punish women by marrying a succession of virgins and executing them the next morning.

When Sheherazade marries the King, she prolongs her life by telling gripping stories for 1,001 Nights, until the King pardons her.

The show, for ages four and above, earned a five-star review at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. It starts at 2pm and tickets cost £8/£7 or £35 for groups of five.

To book call 01227 769075 or visit www.thegulbenkian.co.uk.



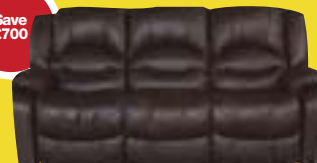
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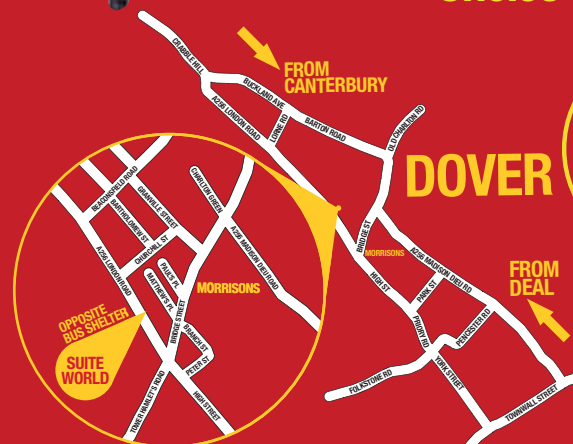
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The pair will be signing copies of their new book, *The Best Friends' Guide to Life* today, from 5.30pm.

Real life best-friends, Fearne and Holly, share their views, opinions and plenty of funny and personal stories in this aspirational lifestyle guide for women.

Fearne describes how they came up with the idea: "We thought there was a guide missing out there for people around our age or a bit younger, who need advice on different things. I don't think there are any limits for girls these days and that's what this book is all about."



The new book draws on their own experiences in life, love, friendship and work; both are team captains on ITV2 *Celebrity Juice* and each have their own fashion ranges for very.co.uk.

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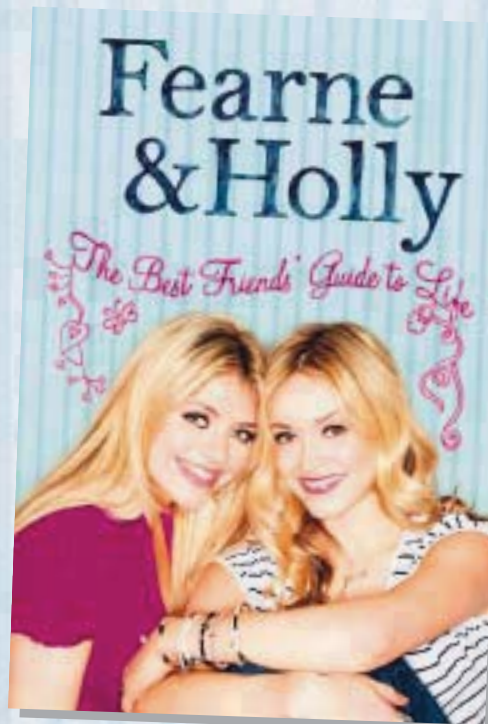
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Greed is good, but green is better as Gekko returns to Wall Street

■ BY DAMON SMITH

MORE than 20 years after Michael Douglas won an Oscar as scheming Wall Street trader Gordon Gekko in Oliver Stone's acclaimed film, the character's mantra, Greed is good, rings louder and clearer than ever.

The global recession continues to bite and much of the blame is laid at the revolving doors of avaricious bankers, who took big risks and somehow enjoyed massive bonuses for their spectacular failure.

Against this backdrop of mismanagement, writer-director Stone returns to the hallowed halls of New York's financial district, where banks go cap in hand to the US government for bail-outs to strengthen the system's crumbling foundations.

Aside from a brief cameo from Charlie Sheen as Bud Fox, Gekko is the only returning character for the sequel, which pits Douglas's dinosaur, who has been languishing behind bars, against a new generation of men in suits.

The global financial landscape may have changed, but the pursuit of profits at the expense of friendships and the natural world has not.

As the lead character in Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps tells his environmentally-conscious fiancée: "The only green is money, honey".

The film opens in 2008 with Gekko (Michael Douglas) being released from prison with his effects, which include a gold money clip and a hefty, brick-like mobile phone.

He emerges into a world that is firmly controlled by the financial community and teetering on the brink of ruin.

Gordon finds new success with a best-selling book and tour, telling his adoring public: "The mother of all evil is speculation. It's a global disease, like cancer, and we've got to fight back."



CHANGED MAN? Michael Douglas is back on Wall Street as Gordon Gekko, out of prison and seen here with his estranged daughter Winnie, played by Carey Mulligan

In the audience is the boyfriend of Gordon's estranged daughter Winnie (Carey Mulligan), ambitious trader Jake Moore (Shia LaBeouf), who is trying to promote alternative-energy stocks

He is inspired by Gordon's words, but knows that making contact would jeopardise his relationship with the woman of his dreams.

When Jake's mentor, Louis Zabel (Frank Langella), commits suicide after his beloved company is taken over by vicious rival Bretton James (Josh Brolin), the young man swears

revenge and enlists the help of Gordon to destroy Bretton and the people he works for.

Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps bares its teeth at the banking community but ultimately doesn't draw blood, using the current recession as a hook for a retreat of the original film with some tearful father-daughter bonding thrown in for good measure.

LaBeouf and Mulligan are well matched and both cry convincingly as they struggle to keep their relationship afloat in a sea of lies and betrayal.

"He'll hurt us," Winnie warns Jake.

Douglas clearly relishes the chance to slip back into the designer threads of his signature role, gleefully taking on old enemies by promising, "Stop telling lies about me and I'll stop telling the truth about you."

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GLAMOROUS: Victoria Coren, presenter of BBC 4's quiz show Only Connect



YOUR TV REVIEW ONLY CONNECT: BBC 4, 8.30pm, Monday

■ BY ED HILL

WE'VE probably all shouted at the stupidity of the contestants who can't answer the questions on the early rounds of Who Wants to be a Millionaire, but not all quizzes give us the chance to get that feeling of superiority.

One such show is Only Connect on BBC 4. When this programme first started a couple of years ago, it seemed to me to be the equivalent of watching the mesmerizing goings on in a dentist's waiting room.

There was something about it that reminded me of the 70s classic with Robert Robertson, Ask the Family.

As a youngster I used to watch that show and wonder where these families came from. They were so highbrow, I assumed it must have been from some strange planet in our solar system. One where elbow patches were compulsory from the

age of three (both for boys and girls) and a bedtime story was 'The Principles of Mathematics' by Bertrand Russell.

A lot of contestants on Only Connect come from the same planet, and the questions are written in a code decipherable only by Martians.

However, I have to admit it has slowly grown on me. It appeals to the same sort of people who enjoy a good crossword or a Sudoku puzzle. I don't exactly fit into that category but when I do get a question right, I feel perhaps I could have the brilliant mind of Wittgenstein or Spinoza.

The programme is helped by its presenter Victoria Coren, daughter of the late satirist Alan. She has a stern school teacher persona, which I

initially took a dislike to; especially when she mocked the contestants if they got the answers wrong. It's all very well being smug when you have the answers in your hand.

Now I realise this is all a bit of a front. As the programme has gone on, glimmers of her humanity come through and her comments are cheeky rather than spiteful.

I suppose being stern is one of the reasons she has become one of the best professional poker players in the world.

She certainly is the most glamorous thing on the programme. It's not the contestants, that's for sure and the set comes from the That'll Do School of Design.

However, the show must be going from strength to strength, this series I noticed BBC bosses have invested in a bigger desk for Ms Coren.

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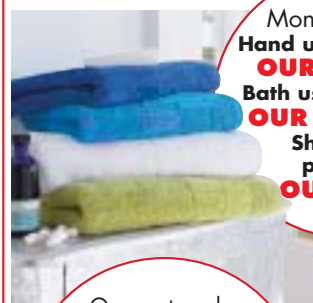
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Vauxhall hailing star turns' selling success

SEPTEMBER was a bumper month for Vauxhall with three top five sellers and a total market share of 12.6 per cent.

Vauxhall's number one was the Corsa, followed by the Astra (pictured) and Insignia ranges. Demand for the new Astra hatch enabled the range to beat the perennial leader of the lower-medium car sector, the Ford Focus, and it also sold almost as well to private buyers as to fleets – its traditional market.

Lower down the table, Vauxhall's Zafira was the top compact MPV seller.



New front grille hopes to inspire Civic revival

ORDER books are open for a facelift version of the British-built Honda Civic due in November.

Prices start at £13,995 for the 1.4 Type S and the key features of the makeover are new front grille – inspired by the 'Type R' hot hatch – new alloy wheel options and upgraded interiors for key models.

The Japanese marque is also throwing in some Civic incentives that are increasingly common in the new car sector, including three years' complimentary servicing and three years' free road tax.



Sleeker Eos comes into line with VW's styling

VOLKSWAGON has unveiled the new and much sleeker face of the Eos convertible coupé.

This brings the car into line with the corporate style of the new Polo, Passat and Sharan, but there is also a revised front bumper and bonnet, plus new rear lights.

As before the Eos features an elegant five-piece folding hardtop with integrated tilt/sliding glass sunroof and petrol or diesel engines, but prices and specifications for the revised car will not be announced until order books open next month.



THE MEAN MACHINE: Vauxhall's impressive VXR is cheap against premium German rivals with a stunning interior and also comes in saloon and Sports Tourer (estate) versions

Vauxhall VXR 'Transformer' is well-grounded extrovert

VAUXHALL'S Insignia VXR looks like one of those Transformer robots so popular with the kids.

This cybernetic motor sits on big skeletal alloys that look as though they should be pounding an alien road in another star system, while big chrome exhausts suggest masses of inter-galactic thrust.

And yet this Insignia starship has all the down-to-earth inner space and practicality of ordinary sisters, though the turbocharged 2.8-litre V6 is thirsty and the 268g/km of CO2 incurs the maximum road tax – £950 in year one and £435 thereafter.

Curtain-twitchers in your street may fear you have 'transformed' into a dangerous anti-environmentalist who drives a car apparently designed for Judge Dredd.

The VXR's official figures suggest an average around 25mpg, but you will be urged to crush that figure beneath those brutal alloys; it accelerates from 0-62mph in 5.6 seconds and puts its 325PS (322bhp) down cleanly thanks to an all-wheel drive (AWD) layout that also allows this big car to be chucked around.

Steering feedback could do with weighting

ROAD TEST VAUXHALL INSIGNIA

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
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Green rating	★★★★★

up at higher speeds, but if you try to do this by selecting the two sportier chassis/engine/steering settings then it comes at the cost of more unruly behaviour.

The VXR's engine growls pleasingly at rest and when charging up through the gears, but it is not intrusive during motorway cruising.

And the VXR is a lot of car for the money; our hatchback test car has an official list price of £32,290; cheap against German premium rivals and even better if you shop around.

Okay, the Vauxhall will not hold its money like a German premium rival, but it looks stunning inside and out.

Alloy-effect cabin detailing might look brash in places, but everything is well arranged and feels durable and I notched a journey of several hundred miles to prove the comfort of the shaped Recaro racing seats.

Rear space is good and, allied with the VXR's everyday practicality, means any not-so-young boy racer could tell 'er indoors "it really is a family motor" even if the Transformer exterior trimming suggests otherwise.

Indeed, the VXR is not only available in the hatchback format tested here, but also as a saloon and Sports Tourer (estate).



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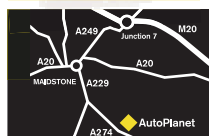
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To be set up on October 20, the Valuer Registration Scheme aims to raise professional standards by ensuring compliance with international guidelines, as well as providing clients with a designation for the best-regulated and qualified professionals.

It will become mandatory in the UK from April 30, 2011, while phased launches will be carried out in other countries around the world.

RICS director of valuation, David Rusholme, said: "This advance will ensure that RICS continues to undertake better regulation and provide increased value to valuers and their clients while acting in the public interest."

Earlier this month, RICS announced the new membership of its UK Quantity Surveyor and Construction Professional Group Board, which is headed up by Rider Levett Bucknall chairman David Bucknall.

Do your maths to make sure you have best mortgage deal

PROPERTY buyers should work out the real cost of their mortgage rather than relying on the headline rate, it has been claimed.

Research by moneysupermarket.com found that borrowers can pay as much as £3,000 more for their mortgages if they only look at headline rates.

Darren Cook, head of press and PR at Moneyfacts.co.uk, said as a mortgage is often the biggest transaction anybody will make in their lives, it is worth taking extra time to ensure it suits them as much as possible.

"Calculate exactly how much it is going to cost with fees as well as rate over the term of the mortgage to see which is the better deal," he said.

"Do the sums to make sure that you are getting the best deal on the rates side, as well as the fees side."



North-south gap set to widen as cuts hit hard

■ BY NICK AMES

HOUSE prices moved very slowly across the UK in September, going up by just 0.1 per cent, according to the latest figures from Nationwide.

The average property value went from £166,507 in August to £166,757 last month.

Martin Gahbauer, Nationwide's chief economist, said that although there was little movement in house prices, the three-month rate of change fell from zero per cent in August to -0.9 per cent in September, marking the first negative reading since May 2009.

However, the gap between different parts of Britain is still notable.

"Where house prices go next will depend on whether the strong flow of new property on to the market continues into the autumn, and on the extent to which existing sellers are willing to compromise on their asking price in order to make a quicker sale," he said.

The figures come as experts say the property price gap between the north and south of the UK is set to increase as a result of the poor economy and government spending cuts.

Figures from Zoopla.co.uk revealed this week that all 10 of the wealthiest housing markets are located in the south, while the 10 poorest are in the north.

At £124,921, North Lincolnshire has the lowest average house prices in the nation and 70 per cent less than values in London.

Kent remains among the highest values, with the high-speed train continuing to be a positive when it comes to attracting buyers from London looking to move into the countryside.

Seaside towns also continue to be attractive to buyers because of a combination of good

communications and lower than usual house prices.

Lucian Cook, director at Savills, said the divide is likely to increase as the economic recovery continues to make its presence felt more in the south than the north.

Additionally, public sector employment is generally higher in the north, so the area will therefore suffer the effects of spending cuts more.

"It is usually in the second half of the housing cycle that the north outperforms the south, and I suspect that you will see that, as we slowly head into recovery after a period of price volatility that we are going to witness in the period of the next 12 months," said Mr Cook.

Some analysts expect the figures to improve in line with a general upsurge in confidence among buyers as markets stabilise.



Property pays off for pensioners



RETIRED British homeowners have total property wealth of up to £775 billion, according to analysts.

Research also suggests they have gained £7.94 billion in the past three months alone, despite the state of the UK housing market.

The figures also show that while property wealth is spread throughout the UK, nearly a third of property equity is owned by pensioners in London and the south east of England.

Experts say the figures are a welcome boost for the market as they show that long-term investment in property is a successful way of

increasing money, despite short term blips and fluctuations in the market.

The company's group director, Dean Mirfin, said: "The over-65s own considerable property wealth which represents a massive investment success, as they no longer have mortgages and will have bought more than 25 years ago."

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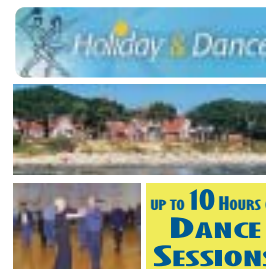
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ON THE RUN: Martyn Beaumont in action against TJ's

Sharks are brought to a Juddian halt

Tonbridge Juddians 35 Dover 22

DOVER were unable to halt the Tonbridge Juddians winning machine as a slack start to the second-half left them with too large a mountain to climb at The Slade.

An absorbing game swung the way of both sides during the afternoon, but TJ's were good value for the result, which was their 50th consecutive league win.

It was Dover who drew first blood on Saturday, when Blair Charge sent Ricky Mackintosh away for the visitors' only con-

RUGBY

verted try. TJ's responded quickly, taking a scrum against the head and touching down to pull the score back to 7-5.

Dover's defence were now being severely stretched and despite good work from Jon Foster, Ben Crawford and Buster Collins, the home side used their scrum to cross again and move ahead for the first time.

The sides went in all square at 12-12, however, after the Sharks' scrum drove forward

and Jamie Townley used the space around him to run in the visitors' second try.

With the game so finely balanced, the next move was crucial and as Dover eased off, TJ's took full advantage, with two converted tries and a penalty to put breathing space between the sides. Jack Tomlinson went over for the Sharks after gathering a high ball and exchanging passes with Charge, but two TJ's penalties sealed the win, despite a late Ollie Faulkner try for the visitors.

This Saturday, Dover return to Crabble to face Haywards Heath.

TENNIS

Finished in time for Wimbledon

DEAL sports fans could be playing at the town's £1.3 million indoor tennis centre within seven months after construction work started last week.

The development, alongside Tides Leisure Centre, has been partially financed by a £530,000 funding package from the Lawn Tennis Association.

Additional funds from Dover District Council have also gone towards the project, as have monies from the insurance settlement after the destruction of the tennis 'bubble' in a gale in 2007.

Dover District Council's Nigel Collor said: "We are very pleased to see the work starting. The new tennis centre will give the opportunity for increased participation levels in sport and provide a superb permanent facility for those seeking to achieve excellence."

The centre, to feature four indoor acrylic courts, will be managed by Vista Leisure and is expected to be completed by May, 2011.

FOOTBALL

Deal are hit for six

Holmesdale 6 Deal Town 1

DEAL Town visit Erith & Belvedere this weekend in serious need of a lift after crashing out of the Kent Senior Trophy at the hands of lowly Holmesdale.

Derek Hares' side went into the tie on the back of a four-game unbeaten run in the Kent League, but were comprehensively undone in an extraordinary second-half. The teams had played out a 1-1 draw in the league two weeks earlier and there was no indication of the drama to come when Badar Mohammed scored in the 36th minute to send Holmesdale in 1-0 ahead at half-time.

Even when the hosts doubled their advantage three minutes after the interval, Deal remained in contention, particularly when Jordan Miller struck to make it 2-1 just after the hour.

However, Holmesdale scored four times in a devastating 12-minute spell to send Deal spinning out and set up a second-round trip to Sevenoaks Town.

Mohammed netted on 74 minutes and completed his hat-trick five minutes later, before Ben Chick made it 5-1 in the 81st minute. Huseiyn Budak wrapped up proceedings with Holmesdale's sixth, four minutes from time, leaving the inform visitors shell-shocked.

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STUDS UP: Elliott Charles hurdles a challenge and Jon Wallis sets up another Dover attack during the Whites' comfortable victory over Cambridge City on Saturday



Picture: SIMON HARRIS

Stakes high with Whites closing in on first round

DOVER Athletic are 90 minutes away from reaching the FA Cup first round proper after recording a comfortable victory at home to Cambridge City.

A brace from Adam Birchall and a second-half strike from Jon Wallis was enough to set up an FA Cup fourth qualifying round tie at fellow Conference South side Farnborough on October 23.

Dover boss Martin Hayes said: "We probably should have won by three or four goals, but the most important thing is we got through the game. However, I don't want standards to drop because the bar will be raised again in the league games."

"We know Farnborough well after our nine-goal thriller last month and it will be a tough game. We will have to go there and do a job."

"Both clubs will be desperate to progress because of what is at stake in the next round. The level Dover is at means we should be one of the sides expected to challenge for a first round spot."

Athletic started brightly and should have opened the scoring on two minutes when Birchall's near-post header flew over the bar.

FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

Dover Athletic 3

Birchall 12 pen, 44, Wallis 52

Cambridge City 1

Wade 89 pen



Dover Athletic starting XI



Subs used: Cutler (Wallis 66), Hunt (Baker 81), Norville (Charles 72)

The Whites didn't have to wait long to take the lead as they were awarded a penalty ten minutes later. Elliott Charles appeared to be upended in the area before Jon Wallis was chopped down, which was enough for the referee to signal for a spot-kick.

Top scorer Birchall produced a composed finish to fire his side in front. Harry Baker and Charles both had chances to extend the lead before Birchall grabbed his second goal of the afternoon on the stroke of half-time.

Wallis' drilled shot was blocked by Birchall, but the striker reacted quickly to turn the ball into the net.

Cambridge briefly threatened early in the second-half, but Tony Burke's shot failed to

trouble goalkeeper Ross Flitney. The game was effectively up just before the hour when Wallis fired Charles's knock down on the edge of the area into the net via the post.

Dover had chances to extend their lead further, but were unable to produce the quality needed in the final third.

Hopes of a clean sheet were dashed when Cambridge scored a consolation goal from the penalty spot in the 89th minute. Tom Wynter was adjudged to have committed a foul in the area and Ryan Wade slotted past Flitney.

The Whites face arguably their biggest home game of the season so far on Saturday when they welcome promotion rivals Chelmsford to Crabble.

Porter not carried away but dreaming of Saints

FOOTBALL

BY STEVE TERTVET

Concord Rangers 0

Hythe Town 1

Cook 53

HYTHE Town manager Scott Porter is dreaming of taking his team to Southampton's St Mary's stadium after the Kent League side were handed a home draw in the FA Cup fourth qualifying round.

Saturday's 1-0 win away to Ryman Premier side Concord Rangers means Hythe are 90 minutes away from taking on a Football League side in the first-round proper and making club history in the process.

Porter admitted he was hoping to land one of the Conference Premier big guns in Monday's draw, but said both he and the players were simply loving the spirit of the FA Cup.

Dave Cook's second-half strike sent Hythe through to the fourth qualifying round for only the second time in their history and they now



HISTORY: Scott Porter



WINNER: Dave Cook

face the winner of last night's (Tuesday) replay between Bury Town and Staines Town.

Porter said: "These days don't come around often and we go into every game wanting to win and we'll be looking to create another shock. We're enjoying every single minute. It's a great bit of history if we do it because we could be playing Southampton."

"It's a home draw, which is obviously what we'd want and there's no reason why we can't get another result after Saturday. We'd have liked Luton or someone like that, which it hasn't happened, but we'll just look to do what we did against Concord."

Last season's cup run saw Hythe hold Conference South side Woking to a 2-2 draw, but this season could reward them with an

Hythe Town starting XI



Subs used: Thompson (Mickelborough 75)

even greater prize if they can work their magic again on October 23. Concord looked to strike early on Saturday with Tony Stokes and Harry Elmes both going close, but Hythe began to take control as the game reached its midway point.

First to every loose ball after the break, the visitors went ahead when Cook's free-kick deflected in off the wall and as Concord pushed for a late leveller, Lee Winfield broke and hit the outside of the post.

"Our fitness was good and we matched them physically," Porter said. "Their goalkeeper pulled off good saves and it wouldn't have been a shock if we'd scored two or three more."

Before the cup dream continues, however, Hythe return to action on Saturday with a home tie against Corinthian in the Kent Senior Trophy.

FOOTBALL



GOAL-DEN BOY: Darren Smith hit the net from 25 yards

First away win sealed by Smith's super strike

Cray Wanderers 0 Folkestone Invicta 1

DARREN Smith's 25-yard drive earned Folkestone Invicta their first away win of the season at in-form Cray Wanderers.

Heading into the game sitting in the Ryman Premier League's bottom four, Neil Cugley's side were in need of three points and duly delivered.

Invicta created the majority of the chances in the first-half with James Everitt, Smith and Josh Burchell going close to breaking the deadlock in the opening half-hour.

Mark Willy and Tyrone Sterling failed to make the most of their chances at the other end, which ensured the game remained goalless at the break. Folkestone continued to threaten Cray's goal at the start of the second-half, with Frankie Chappell and Smith both testing goalkeeper Dave King.

However, the turning point of the game arrived on 76 minutes when Invicta took the lead through Smith, who hit an unstoppable low drive from distance.

Folkestone keeper Jack Delo was forced to produce a stunning stop from Willy two minutes later, but Cugley's side held firm to see out the victory.

Rampant Stones run in nine tries

Folkestone 67 Park House 5

THERE was a try festival at New Burlington Ground on Saturday as Folkestone crossed the line nine times to record a thumping victory against Park House that keeps them second in London South East 3.

The home side started as they meant to go on with a try in the second minute when Simon Harris danced around the visiting defence to score.

Minutes later, Trevor Squire slotted over a penalty to add to his earlier conversion to give Folkestone a 10-0 lead.

The visitors were all at sea and Jack McMurray profited when he charged down an attempted clearance before kicking to the line and going over.

The next try came through Adam Tolman, who picked up the ball deep in his own 22 before embarking on a mazy run and offloading to Richard Lama, who battered his way to the line.

The visitors finally got on the scoresheet just before the half-hour mark, but any hopes of a comeback were cut short when Harris scored a fan-

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tastic individual try. And just before half-time Ben Brooks crashed over and Squire converted to give the Stones a 34-5 lead.

At the start of the second-half Tolman sprinted down the left wing, leaving defenders flat on their backs as he scored. Squire again converted, but that was his last action of the day after he was knocked unconscious by a late tackle that earned the Park House player a yellow card.

A good move then saw David Baxter crash over and substitute Chris Petley added the extras, before Brooks collected a Park House kick to run the length of the pitch to score.

Minutes later Brooks was again chief destroyer, this time taking the ball forward before offloading to Lama who beat a defender before passing to Tolman to score. It was Tolman who rounded things off with the final score as the Stones more than earned their bonus points victory.



DESTROYERS: Folkestone crushed Park House

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